

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A printer determines in S11 to S15 whether any device connected to the network is the same type of device. Then the printer determines which of these same type devices have
5 firmware older than firmware of the printer (S23). With respect to each device with older firmware (S23:YES), the firmware of the device is rewritten in S27 based on the firmware of the printer. As a result, the firmware of devices connected to the network can be easily rewritten. All other
10 devices that are the same type as the printer can have their firmware updated into a firmware at least as new as the version stored in the printer. Accordingly, labor required to manage the network system can be greatly reduced.